

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An applicator engagement device for a fluid applicator is in the form of a float, which is adapted in use to fit within a bucket containing paint. The float, which is a plastics moulding, comprises a peripheral ring which is of inverted "U"-shape in section and faces downwardly. The ring is spanned by three equi-spaced flexible arms radiating from a central ring to join the ring at its edge, this flexibility permitting the last bit of fluid to be gotten to by the roller. The arms are narrow so that area circumscribed by the ring is substantially open to permit paint to pass therethrough. The ring is sized to permit a stirrer, such as a paddle to be inserted therethrough into the bucket to stir the paint without the need to remove the float from the bucket.

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